SCDXC Newsletter

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If you need him get in there and work him"

The colors that never run

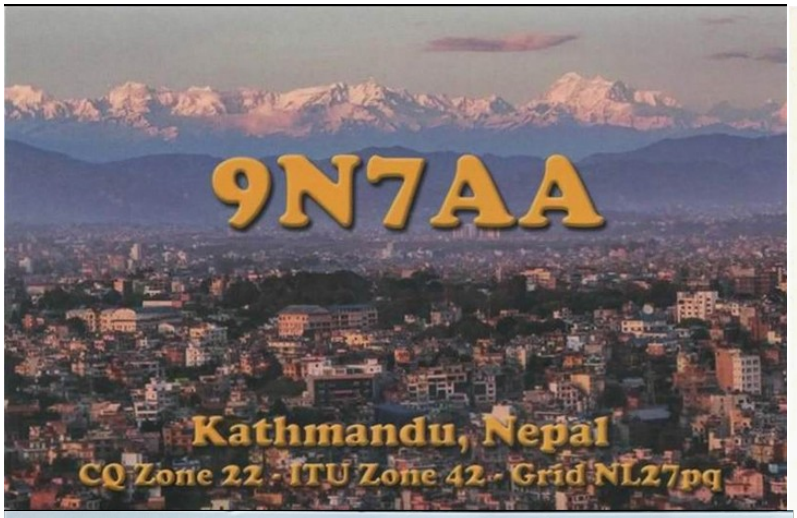
Editor's Notes

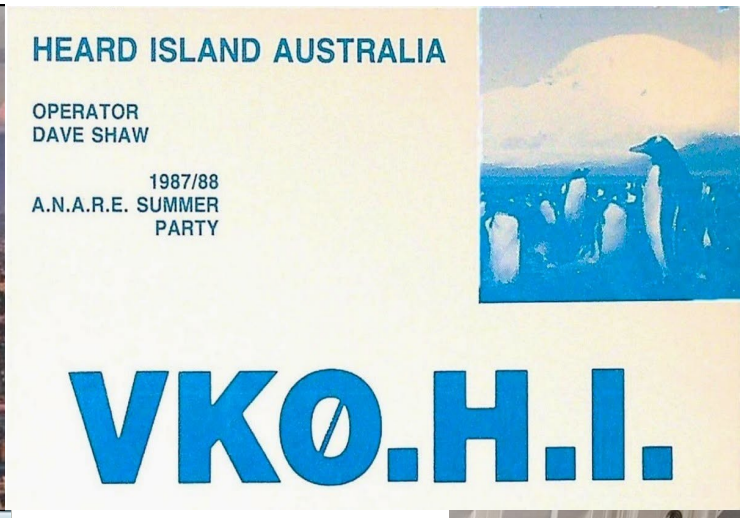
The Santa Maria Convention is in the rear view mirror. All in all it was a smashing success. See the article in this newsletter.

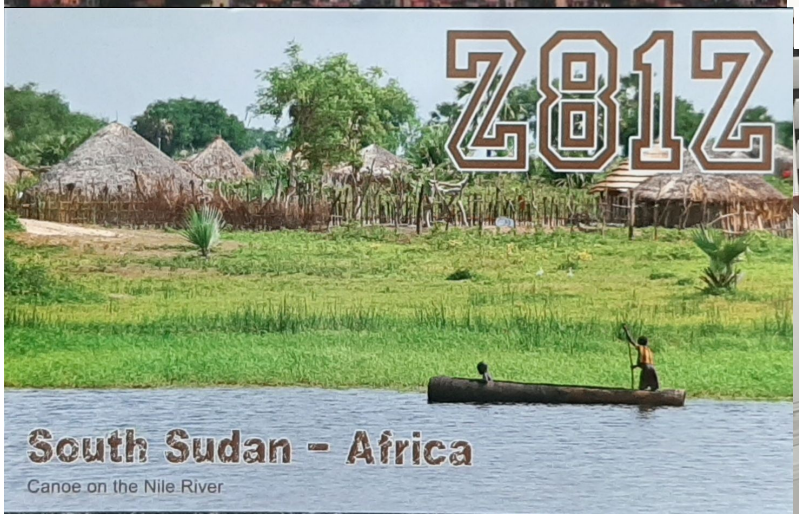
The SFI dropped below 99. It looks like the cycle is descending into the abyss. That said, the bands have been in good condition less another super DXpedition or great contest. Remember the CQ WPX CW contest this month! The week before every contest is always filled with unusual DX!

The DX Marathon and DX Marathon Challenge results are in. SCDXC members again are at the top of Zone 3 and call areas 6 and 7. Check out the article on page 4!

Please remember that there is a very active group on Discord, DXChat. We are on everyday and we hardly miss picking up a new one for the year. If you are interested email us and we will send you an invitation to join. See you there!



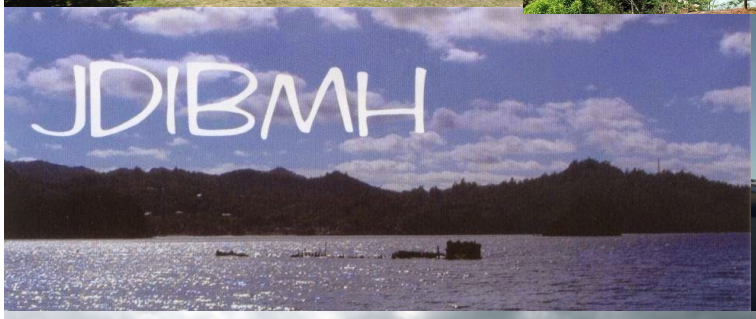




Oh thank heaven for Collins Radio!

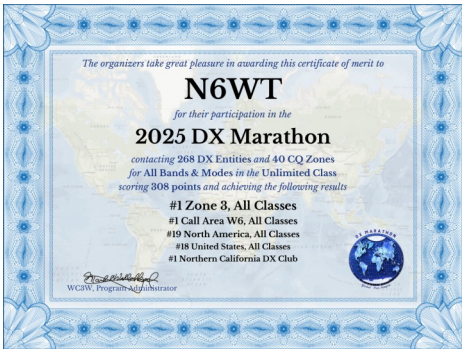
The DX Sampler

Here is a sample of the DX that was active in April:



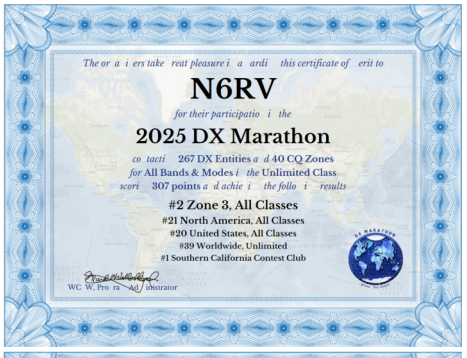
2025 CQ DX Marathon

CQ DX Marathon


The organizers take great pleasure in awarding this certificate of merit to
N6WT
for their participation in the
2025 DX Marathon
contacting 268 DX Entities and 40 CQ Zones
for All Bands & Modes in the Unlimited Class
scoring 308 points and achieving the following results
#1 Zone 3, All Classes
#1 Call Area W6, All Classes
#19 North America, All Classes
#18 United States, All Classes
#1 Northern California DX Club

The organizers take great pleasure in awarding this certificate of merit to
N6RW
for their participation in the
2025 DX Marathon Challenge
contacting 1,596 DX Entities and 301 CQ Zones
for All Bands & Modes in the Challenge
scoring 1,897 points and achieving the following results
#1 Zone 3
#1 Call Area W7
#14 Worldwide
#9 North America
#1 Central Arizona DX Association

The organizers take great pleasure in awarding this certificate of merit to
N6WT
for their participation in the
2025 DX Marathon Challenge
contacting 1,413 DX Entities and 292 CQ Zones
for All Bands & Modes in the Challenge
scoring 1,705 points and achieving the following results
#1 Call Area W6
#24 Worldwide
#15 North America
#15 United States
#1 Northern California DX Club



The 2025 DX Marathon and Marathon Challenge results are in. Guess what? Two of our members made the grade! Bob, N6WT, earned #1 all classes in Zone 3 for the Marathon Challenge. Kent, N6WT, earned #1 in Call Area 6 all classes and #1 Zones in the Marathon.

In the total standing Kent ranked 10th in the number of entities and zones worked. Those pesky ECJs! Bob ranked 12th in the Challenge score and Kent 22nd. This is an international competition and many non North American stations were at the top.

Larry, K6RO, who has stations on both coasts, ranked #1 in US call area 1, 9th in the Challenge and 9th in the Marathon. He did not submit a score from call area 6 though Larry is always in the top 5. The rules allow only one entry per year and Larry submitted an entry for his Maine station rather than from Fallbrook. It would be interesting to see how he fared from that station.

Congratulations to you three.

Bill, N6RV, ranked 25th in the Challenge and 39th in the Marathon, right behind Kent, making him second in Zone 3 and the 6th call area. Always the bridesmaid never the bride!

Honorable mention goes out to the rest of the GUNs DXers who persistently chase these awards every year, many of whom do not submit scores!

As you know the DX Marathon counts the entities and zones worked throughout the year using the CQ Magazine DXCC list, which has 6 more entities than the ARRL, and the CQ WAZ list. The Marathon Challenge is the number of band entities and band zones, similar to the DXCC Challenge but… wait for it… more challenging!
This is a fun program that keeps us involved in chasing DX all year, every year. It is amazing how quickly ATNO band and mode slots fill.

You can see the total results at:

https://dxmarathon.com/results/2025/

Rumors on the Band

There are a few tasty morsels coming our way in May! If you haven't worked them this year do so and if they are new band fillers go for it! The will be a station from Tonga on **6 meters!**

QTH	Call	Start Date	End Date	Information
Lesotho	7P8WR	Now	1-May	Italian Group HF SSB FT8
Ogasawara	JD1BMH	Now	4-May	JG7PSJ 40-10m CW SSB RTTY
The Gambia	C5C	Now	8-May	F4AAG F5RAV C5C on CW SSB C5D on Digital
Rodriguez Island	3B9N	Now	20-May	VU3OPT 10, 15, 10 CW
Tonga	A31AA	14-May	22-May	JH3QFL 80-6m FT8
St Kitts	V4/WW6W	24-May	1-Jun	WW6W CQ WPX CW
Chatham Island	ZL7IO	25-May	2-Jun	ZL3IO 160-10m CW SSB Digi

CADXA Most Wanted DXCC

ClubLog Most Wanted DXCC

ClubLog Most Wanted West Coast

2026		
#	Pfx	Entity
1	EZ	TURKMENISTAN
2	FT5/X	KERGUELEN ISLAND
3	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)
4	YK	SYRIA
5	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS
6	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND
7	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND
8	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF
9	KH7K	KURE ISLAND
10	YV0	AVES ISLAND
11	SV/A	MOUNT ATHOS
12	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND
13	PY0S	SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS
14	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND
15	FT/T	TROMELIN ISLAND
16	T5	SOMALIA
17	5A	LIBYA
18	KP5	DESECHEO ISLAND
19	VK0M	MACQUARIE ISLAND
20	VQ9	CHAGOS ISLANDS
21	ZC4	UK BASES ON CYPRUS
22	PY0T	TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLANDS
23	FT/J	JUAN DE NOVA, EUROPA
24	JX	JAN MAYEN
25	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS
26	VK0H	HEARD ISLAND
27	FT/G	GLORIOSO ISLAND
28	XZ	MYANMAR
29	R1F	FRANZ JOSEF LAND
30	VP0S	SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS
31	ZL9	NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS
32	KH4	MIDWAY ISLAND
33	YI	IRAQ
34	E3	ERITREA
35	ET	ETHIOPIA
36	3A	MONACO
37	E4	PALESTINE
38	HK0/M	MALPELO ISLAND
39	4U1ITU	ITU HQ
40	J2	DJIBOUTI
41	3C0	ANNOBON
42	ZL8	KERMADEC ISLAND
43	JD/M	MINAMI TORISHIMA
44	FT5Z	AMSTERDAM & ST PAUL ISLANDS
45	VU7	LAKSHADWEEP ISLANDS
46	7O	YEMEN
47	FK/C	CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS
48	S2	BANGLADESH
49	VP0G	SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND
50	YA	AFGHANISTAN

ClubLog Most Wanted

2026			2025			
#	Pfx	Entity	#	Pfx	Entity	Delta
1	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)	1	P5	DPRK (NORTH KOREA)	1 =
2	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND	2	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF	6 (↑ 4)
3	KH7K	KURE ISLAND	3	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS	5 (↑ 2)
4	CE0X	SAN FELIX ISLANDS	4	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND	3 (↓1)
5	FT5/X	KERGUELEN ISLAND	5	KH7K	KURE ISLAND	8 (↑ 3)
6	BS7H	SCARBOROUGH REEF	6	KH3	JOHNSTON ISLAND	2 (↓4)
7	BV9P	PRATAS ISLAND	7	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND	7 (↓ 3)
8	YV0	AVES ISLAND	8	FT5/X	KERGUELEN ISLAND	8 (↑ 1)
9	3Y/P	PETER 1 ISLAND	9	YV0	AVES ISLAND	9 (-2)
10	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND	10	3Y/B	BOUVET ISLAND	10 =
11	KH4	MIDWAY ISLAND	11	VK0M	MACQUARIE ISLAND	11 (↑ 1)
12	VK0M	MACQUARIE ISLAND	12	KH4	MIDWAY ISLAND	31 (↓ 19)
13	EZ	TURKMENISTAN	13	PY0S	SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS	13(↑ 7)
14	KP5	DESECHEO ISLAND	14	KP5	DESECHEO ISLAND	14 =
15	PY0S	SAINT PETER AND PAUL ROCKS	15	VP0S	SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	15 (↓ 2)
16	VP0S	SOUTH SANDWICH ISLANDS	16	ZL9	NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS	16 (↓1)
17	YK	SYRIA	17	FK/C	CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS	17 (↑ 6)
18	ZL9	NEW ZEALAND SUBANTARCTIC ISLANDS	18	VK0H	HEARD ISLAND	18 (↓ 2)
19	VK0H	HEARD ISLAND	19	FT/T	TROMELIN ISLAND	19 (↓ 1)
20	FT/T	TROMELIN ISLAND	20	EZ	TURKMENISTAN	20 (↓ 1)
21	FK/C	CHESTERFIELD ISLANDS	21	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS	21 (↓ 4)
22	KH1	BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS	22	ZL8	KERMADEC ISLAND	22 (↑ 4)
23	XF4	REVILLAGIGEDO	23	YK	SYRIA	25 (↓ 2)
24	ZL8	KERMADEC ISLAND	24	VP0G	SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND	17 (↑ 7)
25	VP0G	SOUTH GEORGIA ISLAND	25	XF4	REVILLAGIGEDO	19 (↑ 6)
26	ZS8	PRINCE EDWARD & MARION ISLANDS	26	KH1	BAKER HOWLAND ISLANDS	18 (↑ 8)
27	FT5/W	CROZET ISLAND	27	FT5/W	CROZET ISLAND	27 =
28	VK9M	MELLISH REEF	28	VK9M	MELLISH REEF	28 =
29	FT/J	JUAN DE NOVA, EUROPA	29	FT/J	JUAN DE NOVA, EUROPA	29 =
30	KP1	NAVASSA ISLAND	30	KH9	WAKE ISLAND	30 (↑58)
31	JD/M	MINAMI TORISHIMA	31	SV/A	MOUNT ATHOS	31 (↑ 3)
32	PY0T	TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLANDS	32	HK0/M	MALPELO ISLAND	32 (↑ 1)
33	HK0/M	MALPELO ISLAND	33	PY0T	TRINDADE & MARTIM VAZ ISLANDS	33 (↓ 1)
34	SV/A	MOUNT ATHOS	34	JD/M	MINAMI TORISHIMA	34 (↓ 3)
35	TI9	COCOS ISLAND	35	KP1	NAVASSA ISLAND	36 (↑ 1)
36	VK9W	WILLIS ISLAND	36	TI9	COCOS ISLAND	36 (↑ 2)
37	FT5Z	AMSTERDAM & ST PAUL ISLANDS	37	FT/G	GLORIOSO ISLAND	37 (↑ 2)
38	FT/G	GLORIOSO ISLAND	38	VK9W	WILLIS ISLAND	38 (↓ 1)
39	KH9	WAKE ISLAND	39	FT5Z	AMSTERDAM & ST PAUL ISLANDS	39(↓ 9)
40	VP8O	SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS	40	VP8O	SOUTH ORKNEY ISLANDS	40 =
41	XZ	MYANMAR	41	XZ	MYANMAR	41 =
42	ZK3	TOKELAU ISLANDS	42	ZK3	TOKELAU ISLANDS	42 =
43	3C0	ANNOBON	43	3C0	ANNOBON	43 =
44	R1F	FRANZ JOSEF LAND	44	1S	SPRATLY ISLANDS	44 (↑ 3)
45	1S	SPRATLY ISLANDS	45	T5	SOMALIA	45 (↓ 1)
46	KH5	PALMYRA & JARVIS ISLANDS	46	KH5	PALMYRA & JARVIS ISLANDS	46 =
47	T31	CENTRAL KIRIBATI	47	R1F	FRANZ JOSEF LAND	47 (↑ 1)
48	T33	BANABA ISLAND	48	T31	CENTRAL KIRIBATI	48 (↑ 1)
49	E3	ERITREA	49	T33	BANABA ISLAND	49 (↑ 1)
50	H40	TEMOTU PROVINCE	50	H40	TEMOTU PROVINCE	50 =

2026 Santa Maria Convention

As mentioned earlier, the convention was a smashing success. Hats off to Jim, N6TJ, Dick, N6AA, Dennis, NE6I, and all those who pitched in. In causes me pause. In 2028 could of a few of us down south do the same?

224 DXers were in attendance. The presentations and venues were full! Everyone was happy to see each other and, as expected, we looked a year older.

Speaking of presentations, Friday had 3 streams of presenters including an HF University which covered operating tips. Other presentations were the latest happenings with Elecraft (Very good stuff!), and DXpeditions.

The contest buffet dinner at the Far Western Tavern was exceptional. The food was good and plentiful. In fact, Jim announced that doggie bags were available for those who wanted to take some back for a late night snack. Tim, K3LR, had a great presentation on his station which is world class. Also, Violetta “Kat” Latham, KN2P, gave us great ideas regarding how we could motivate the youth to consider DXing and contesting. In a word she told us to let the youth recruit and train youth.

Saturday’s single thread program followed the traditional format, Convention welcome, New Products, even the forums were on the agenda. Bill Shell, N6WS, gave us insight into the tasks assigned to the DXAC and the work he did collating and digging up DXCC rules, their changes, what entities did not even meet the requirements at the time they were accepted and what would be nice in the future. The FCC presentation by K3ZJ made it abundantly clear why we need the ARRL to protect our spectrum. It was a eye opener. For we the physically challenged, staying in one room was a plus. Furthermore, it lent itself to more rag chewing, chatting with people we see eye to eye maybe once a year.

The banquet food and breakfast food were good and again plentiful. Adrian, KO8SCA, gave a humorous and witty presentation on Bouvet Island. The work that went into that DXpedition was extreme and the group assembled along with the crew and pilots were top notch, reminiscent of past Dxpeditions .

K1ZM gave two presentations at breakfast. The first was their incredible trip to visit Chak, JT1CO, and contest at JT5DX. It was almost a DXpedition to an isolated island in a desert sea! His second was the history of his contest station on Prince Edward Island, VY2ZM. It was an incredible site and the work and resources put into that station is tribute to ones love for the hobby! When we grow up we want one of those!

Here are the links to the photos that both Bob and Dennis uploaded. Again, with his history taking convention photo, Bob is a national treasure. Dennis is right up there with Bob! Samples of their photos are found on the following page.

Bob, N6TV Photos

Dennis, NE6I Upload Page

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N6VI
K3LR

DX Standings

A few updates were gleaned from the discussions on DXChat. Other than that things remained static.

If you are a new member please join ClubLog and then sign up for the Southern California DX Club. If you need help email me. Send any updates to:

N6RV@SCDXC.org

SCDXC WAZ and DXCC Standings

The first WAZ column is the confirmed zone count on 10 bands 160 - 6 (less 60 meters). The second column is the regular 5BWAZ confirmed count. The following are the codes that follow the two columns and indicate the awards:

M	Mixed
P	Phone
C	CW
R	RTTY

Here are links to the published standings:

https://www.arrl.org/dxcc-standings

https://n4baa.com/1_All_200_Zones_Listing.pdf

SCDXC Lifetime Standings

Rank	Call	Current	Total	Slots	Rank	Call	Current	Total	Slots
1	W6KH	340	389		50	N6VNI	312	314	1541
2	JA1BK	340	383	3242	51	W6HB	311	311	1029
3	K6YRA	340	378	2278	52	N6PM	308	309	2329
4	OH2BH	340	378		53	N6GP	303	314	1851
5	N0FW	340	372	2978	54	K6IRD	292	302	649
6	K6YUI	340	366	2610	55	W6ZL	299	303	1179
7	NS6C	340	361	2657	56	WA6HXM	275	275	
8	W6SR	340	359	2778	57	WA6WXD	274	274	
9	K6FG	340	357	2795	58	K6VC	264	267	
10	WA6WZO	340	358	2456	59	KN6ZZI	254	254	1197
11	K5KT	340	355		60	K0XP	250	249	973
12	W8DX	340	353	2456	61	N6AA	247	247	2442
13	N6WS	340	352	2723	62	W6KC	246	248	743
14	W6TK	340	351	1781	63	NE6V	239	239	1037
15	N6HC	340	349	2408	64	K6JEY	234	234	
16	W6KK	340	349	2066	65	WC2S	231	231	744
17	K6ND	340	348	2861	66	N6HE	229	238	746
18	WA5VGI	340	348	2829	67	W6YLZ	229	230	965
19	KJ6Y	340	348	1439	68	N6VOH	222	251	
20	N6PEQ	340	347	2056	69	N6AV	212	212	
21	KR6C	340	346	2152	70	K6NGO	212	212	739
22	N6RV	339	356	2541	71	K6AFW	204	204	917
23	N6QQ	339	356	2231	72	WB6DJI	200	200	589
24	W6FL	339	353	1644	73	AA6DW	196	202	402
25	K6RO	339	348	2484	74	K6FOD	211	211	479
26	N6MG	339	347		75	K9TAD	180	180	274
27	W6TJI	338	355		76	N6LL	169	169	
28	W6RW	338	352	2743	77	W6GA	169	168	
29	N6HY	338	346	2294	78	KC6TOD	166	166	
30	N6RW	337	371	2786	79	K6DW	165	165	420
31	N7NR	337	361	3034	80	KK6M	162	192	466
32	AA6AA	336	351	2652	81	KI6BTY	155	155	593
33	N6IC	336	347		82	W6QE	149	149	365
34	AA6AA	336	351	2652	83	WD6Y	147	147	274
35	K6JW	336	342	1371	84	AB9A	141	141	224
36	SM5GMZ	335	346	2454	85	NZ6L	137	178	158
37	K4ST	335	339	2065	86	N6CA	133	133	386
38	K2IXQ	335	339	1837	87	KF6RY	125	125	306
39	N6MXU	335	339	1831	88	K6BBC	103	117	216
40	N6AX	332	336	1827	89	N6PCD	105	105	251
41	W6SW	331	339	540	90	N6YQ	100	128	
42	K6SY	331	337	1158	91	WA6MEM	100	100	
43	W6DR	331	336	2109	92	W6CCC	95	95	211
44	AA6PW	330	331	1785	93	NA6Q	81	81	198
45	N6AX	322	336	1826	94	W6MPB	61	61	
46	NK6A	320	319	957	95	NR6M	57	57	123
47	N6DHZ	317	323	1623	96	K6LAC	46	46	
48	K7MY	316	316	1461	97	K6YIC	43	43	92
49	N6WT	315	315	2315	98	KJ6YL	14	14	

WAZ Standings

Rank	Call	11B	5B	Awards
1	N0FW	426	200	M/P/C/R/5
2	WA5VGI	418	200	M/P/C/R/5
3	K6ND	415	200	M/5
4	N6WS	415	200	M/P/C/R/5
5	AA6AA	392	200	M/P/C/R/5
6	W6SR	384	200	M/P/C/5
7	K6FG	376	200	M/P/C/R/5
8	NS6C	369	200	M/P/C/R/5
9	N6AW	355	200	M/P/C/5
10	K6YUI	353	200	M/P/C/R/5
11	W6KK	348	200	M/P/C/5
12	K6YRA	337	200	P/5
13	W6TK	369	198	
14	N6HY	365	196	M/P/C
15	N6RW	410	199	
16	N6WT	385	195	
17	N6RV	384	195	
18	N6PM	383	195	M/P/R/5B
19	K6RO	379	195	M/P/C
20	W6FL	253	195	
21	N6QQ	343	189	
22	KR6C	333	189	
23	N6PEQ	338	188	
24	W6DR	348	187	
25	N6GP	313	185	
26	N6DHZ	295	182	
27	AA6PW	298	181	
28	N6VNI	291	181	
29	K6SY	299	178	
30	KJ6Y	237	173	
31	N6HE	253	168	
32	W6ZL	253	166	M/P/C/R
33	KN6ZZI	251	134	
34	K6JW	244	158	
35	NK6A	290	157	
36	W6KC	217	156	
37	W6YLZ	151	288	
38	K7MY	258	159	
39	N6MG	241	150	
40	NE6V	256	149	
41	K6AFW	218	149	
42	KK6M	173	140	
43	K0XP	171	140	
44	K6IRD	220	130	
45	W6SW	154	126	M/P
46	WD6Y	174	109	M
47	K6VC	145	96	
48	K6DW	143	118	
49	WC2S	201	115	
50	K6NGO	191	110	
51	K6FOD	160	106	
52	K9TAD	113	99	
53	NZ6L	104	82	
54	N6HC	17	13	
55	WB6DJI	11	8	

2026 Get Schroeder Contest

1A0	4S	7Q	A3	CE9	E7	FK	GI	HS	KH0	LZ	PJ7	T2	TY	VK9L	VU4	YV0
1S	4U1ITU	7X	A4	CN	EA	FK/C	GJ	HV	KH1	OA	PY	T30	TZ	VK9M	VU7	Z2
3A	4U1UN	8P	A5	CO	EA6	FM	GM	HZ	KH2	OD	PY0F	T31	UA	VK9N	XE	Z3
3B7	4W	8Q	A6	CP	EA8	FO	GU	I	KH3	OE	PY0S	T32	UA0	VK9W	XF4	Z6
3B8	4X	8R	A7	CT	EA9	FO/A	GW	IS0	KH4	OH	PY0T	T33	UA2	VK9X	XT	Z8
3B9	5A	9A	A9	CT3	EI	FO/C	H4	J2	KH5	OH0	PZ	T5	UJ	VP0G	XU	ZA
3C	5B	9G	AP	CU	EK	FO/M	H40	J3	KH6	OJ0	R1F	T7	UN	VP0S	XW	ZB2
3C0	5H	9H	BS7H	CX	EL	FP	HA	J5	KH7K	OK	S0	T8	UR	VP2E	XX9	ZC4
3D2	5N	9J	BU	CY0	EP	FR	HB	J6	KH8	OM	S2	TA	V2	VP2M	XZ	ZD7
3D2/C	5R	9K	BV9P	CY9	ER	FS	HB0	J7	KH8/S	ON	S5	TF	V3	VP2V	YA	ZD8
3D2/R	5T	9L	BY	D2	ES	FT/G	HC	J8	KH9	OX	S7	TG	V4	VP5	YB	ZD9
3DA	5U	9M2	C21	D4	ET	FT/J	HC8	JA	KL7	OY	S9	TI	V5	VP6	YI	ZF
3V	5V7	9M6	C31	D6	EU	FT/T	HH	JD/M	KP1	OZ	SM	TI9	V6	VP6/D	YJ	ZK3
3W	5W	9N	C5	DL	EX	FT5/W	HI	JD/O	KP2	P2	SP	TJ	V7	VP8	YK	ZL
3XA	5X	9Q	C6A	DU	EY	FT5/X	HK	JT	KP4	P4	ST	TK	V8	VP8H	YL	ZL7
3Y/B	5Z	9U	C9	E3	~~EZ~~	FT5Z	HK0/M	JW	KP5	~~P5~~	SU	TL	VE	VP8O	YN	ZL8
3Y/P	6W	9V	CE	E4	F	FW	HK0S	JX	LA	PA	SV	TN	VK	VP9	YO	ZL9
4J	6Y	9X	CE0X	E5/N	FG	FY	HL	JY	LU	PJ2	SV/A	TR	VK0H	VQ9	YS	ZP
4L	7O	9Y	CE0Y	E5/S	FH	G	HP	K	LX	PJ4	SV5	TT	VK0M	VR	YT	ZS
4O	7P	A2	CE0Z	E6	FJ	GD	HR	KG4	LY	PJ5	SV9	TU	VK9C	VU	YV	ZS8

Chart Legend	
White / Green	Entity Worked This Year by a Member
Black / White	Very Active Entity Not Yet Worked
Black / Blue	Entity with Announced DXpedition
Black / Yellow	Rarely Active Entity Not Yet Worked
Black / Red	Inactive Entity
	Deleted Entity

We can see that the West Coast is now at a disadvantage. ClubLog leaders are over 20 entities ahead of us.

Ken, N6WT, is leading the West Coast pack with 242. Larry, from both coasts is 2 ahead of Ken at 244. The ClubLog leader is at 251 and ClubLog leaders are ahead of us at 265 to 254. Hopefully the Fall will be the time to catch up.

2026 Get Schroeder Leaders		
2026 Total Entities Worked	265	-20
2025 Total Entities Worked	285	
2026 Entities Worked by SCDXC	254	-20
2025 SCDXC Entities Worked	274	
2026 Entities Worked by SCDXC Members in SoCal	249	-21
2025 Entities Worked by SCDXC Members in SoCal	270	
2026 ClubLog Leaders Entities Worked	265	-20
2025 ClubLog Leaders Entities Worked	285	
2025 SCDXC Leader (N0FW *)	272	-2
2025 ClubLog Leader (TA6B)	274	

Rank	Call	Total	Last Month	Last Year	SCDXC Leader	ClubLog Leader	SCDXC Total	ClubLog Total	Uniques
									8
1	K6RO *	244	13	-21	0	-7	-10	-21	3
2	N6WT	242	10	-21	-2	-9	-12	-23	1
3	N6RV	234	8	-28	-10	-17	-20	-31	0
4	NS6C	234	19	-17	-10	-17	-20	-31	1
5	N6RW *	231	15	-30	-13	-20	-23	-34	0
6	WA5VGI	218	13	-32	-26	-33	-36	-47	0
7	W6TK *	211	17	6	-33	-40	-43	-54	0
8	N0FW *	209	47	-63	-35	-42	-45	-56	0
9	KN6ZZI	208	19	-39	-36	-43	-46	-57	0
10	N6WS	190	12	-46	-54	-61	-64	-75	0
11	N6PM	178	12	-33	-66	-73	-76	-87	0
12	W6DR *	166	17	-11	-78	-85	-88	-99	0
13	AA6AA	159	14	-83	-85	-92	-95	-106	0
14	AA6PW	157	22	-17	-87	-94	-97	-108	0
15	N6GP	143	11	-62	-101	-108	-111	-122	0
16	N6AV	127	14	-58	-117	-124	-127	-138	0
17	K6ND *	115	0	-153	-129	-136	-139	-150	2
18	KR6C *	111	16	4	-133	-140	-143	-154	0
19	KI6BTY	104	9	-27	-140	-147	-150	-161	0
20	N6MG	101	34	-96	-143	-150	-153	-164	1

SCDXC Get Schroeder Standings 2026

Rank	Call	160	80	60	40	30	20	17	15	12	10	6	Total	Slots	
1	K6RO	76	134	40	184	174	205	168	208	164	200	19	244	1572	38
2	N6WT	5	17	2	73	33	102	39	111	22	48	2	242	454	12
3	N6RV	0	42	24	155	133	169	105	160	77	130	18	234	1013	58
4	NS6C	6	5	0	30	61	150	87	106	80	56	1	234	582	69
5	N6RW	25	89	61	166	169	176	144	179	136	136	21	231	1302	68
6	WA5VGI	12	0	19	0	99	128	146	144	121	104	0	218	773	42
7	W6TK	5	13	0	104	66	152	151	153	95	107	1	211	847	69
8	N0FW	21	58	53	73	103	126	125	122	130	110	13	209	934	38
9	KN6ZZI	0	0	0	93	107	148	92	128	91	96	10	208	765	3
10	N6WS	1	24	18	65	33	91	77	84	74	52	12	190	531	62
11	N6PM	8	20	15	73	55	52	30	50	52	69	2	178	426	32
12	W6DR	8	47	26	95	53	95	43	88	47	70	1	166	573	46
13	AA6PW	0	28	0	84	80	77	90	108	71	74	0	157	612	39
14	N6GP	0	1	0	45	6	89	4	82	35	58	5	143	325	38
15	N6AV	0	0	0	47	52	36	36	58	46	33	0	127	308	12
16	K6ND	6	11	12	10	56	67	42	55	53	50	0	115	362	35
17	KR6C	7	15	0	11	27	50	28	33	19	33	0	111	223	48
18	KI6BTY	1	19	7	36	31	49	24	40	40	48	2	104	297	4
19	N6MG	0	19	5	27	17	57	16	25	24	29	0	101	219	49
20	N6DHZ	0	0	0	2	3	6	6	71	10	46	0	87	144	38
21	NK6A	0	0	0	0	1	3	1	74	4	10	0	76	93	81
22	K6FG	2	1	0	3	15	28	16	2	6	2	1	49	76	70
23	W6YLZ	0	6	6	1	14	6	11	6	20	2	2	49	74	38
24	AA6DW	0	1	0	7	4	13	4	14	9	14	0	29	66	39
25	WC2S	0	0	0	2	1	4	5	4	9	9	0	27	34	34
26	K6NGO	0	0	0	4	3	9	5	5	2	10	0	21	38	6
27	K6FOD	3	3	0	3	6	4	6	8	2	6	0	20	41	8
28	K9TAD	0	2	0	5	7	3	3	3	3	0	1	18	27	19
29	W6FL	0	2	2	3	8	5	4	3	6	3	1	16	37	66
30	K6JW	0	1	0	3	0	3	3	6	3	7	0	15	26	67
31	W6SR	2	0	0	0	3	3	1	3	0	0	0	11	12	59

ClubLog Worked Not SCDXC

1A0	D6	JD/M	V7
3A	E4	JW	YI
5H	FO/M	P2	Z2
A5	J2	SU	

SCDXC Worked Not ClubLog

None

A History of ARRL DXCC Rules & Re-Evaluation Memorandums for Current Entities

The 2026 Santa Maria DXers & Contesters Convention, held April 10–12, provided an opportunity to introduce a project I've been working on for the past eight months. The effort grew out of my decision to join the DX Advisory Committee (DXAC) Rules Subcommittee, which had begun a review of the ARRL DXCC Rules.

Very early in that review, we ran into a fundamental problem: the ARRL does not maintain a complete, accessible archive of historical DXCC Rules, nor a definitive record explaining how many current entities were originally evaluated for inclusion. In a program that presents itself as rule-based, that absence raises an obvious question—how much of DXCC is truly governed by published rules, and how much has been shaped by interpretation and precedent?

The subcommittee initially explored whether it was possible to construct a clear, internally consistent set of rules that would allow all existing entities to qualify on their own merits—without relying on historical exceptions. The closest we came was a draft known as *v24q*, which successfully qualified all but three of the current 340 entities—but also identified two additional entities that would qualify under a strictly applied framework.

That result highlighted the underlying issue: when rules are applied consistently, they do not always reproduce the current list. Bridging that gap requires either modifying the rules or continuing to rely on precedent.

After 24 major revisions and extensive refinement, the effort was ultimately set aside following expressed resistance to substantive rule changes during a DXAC meeting.

That experience led directly to a separate, independent effort: to document the history of the DXCC Rules and evaluate each entity strictly under the rules in effect at the time it was added—without retroactive interpretation. This project was not assigned by the ARRL, but was undertaken to establish a clear, factual baseline that has largely been missing from DXCC discussions.

What began as a modest reference quickly expanded into a document now exceeding 1,900 pages. To make it usable, it is hosted in a BookStack (wiki-style) format on my website:

https://n6ws.org/books/a-history-of-arrl-dxcc-rules-re-evaluation-memorandums-for-current-entities

The platform allows structured navigation and reader comments. I initially invited DXAC members to review the material for factual accuracy, though feedback was limited. That changed when Bill Kennamer, K5FUV—well known for his time at the DXCC Desk—reviewed the document. His input was invaluable in clarifying how rules were interpreted and applied in practice, which in many cases diverged from what was actually written.

I presented an overview of the document at the Santa Maria convention. The session turned into an open discussion, with questions driving the flow more than the slides themselves. That, in hindsight, was fitting—because the central theme of the work is not just what the rules say, but how they have been understood, applied, and, at times, stretched.

The key takeaway from this effort is difficult to ignore: DXCC has evolved not only through formal rules, but through layers of interpretation, precedent, and administrative judgment. That history has produced the program we value today—but it has also introduced inconsistencies that become increasingly difficult to reconcile under a strictly rule-based framework.

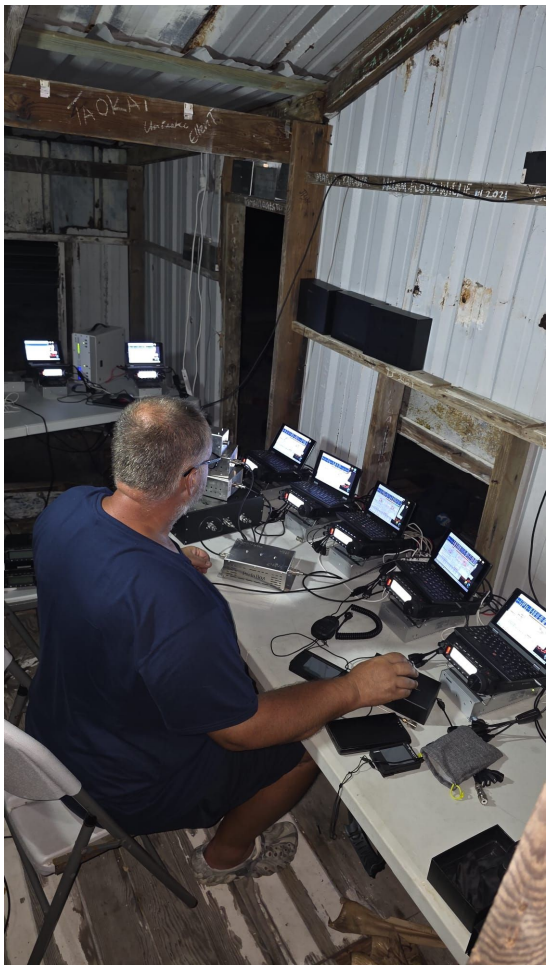
The purpose of the History Document is not to challenge the DXCC program, but to document it—accurately and transparently—so that future discussions about rules, qualifications, and potential changes can be grounded in fact rather than assumption.

The document is available to anyone with an interest in DXCC. If you have access to missing rule publications or historical materials not currently included, I would very much appreciate hearing from you.

73,
Bill N6WS

Five Bands at Once: FT8 and Modern DXpedition Strategy

Bill Shell, N6WS



After recently seeing a photo of a Rebel DX Group operator running FT8 on five stations simultaneously, I was reminded of an article I wrote back in 2017 shortly after first experimenting with FT8 while in Liechtenstein preparing for the 2017 IARU HF Championship with the local radio club.

During the station setup process, I connected my notebook computer to one of the TS-480 radios and decided to try this new digital mode that had just started attracting attention. I was immediately impressed by the performance of FT8 and quickly recognized its potential as a DXing mode. Operating with only about 50 watts into a long-wire antenna gave me an early appreciation for the mode's remarkable weak-signal capability.

Being located in the somewhat rarer DXCC Entity of Liechtenstein also provided a unique perspective: it allowed me to experience what it was like to be the DX station while using FT8. That experience started me thinking about how the mode could fundamentally change DXpedition operating strategies.

At the time, FT8 was viewed skeptically by many traditional DXers. Even at Visalia 2018, "Anti-FT8" buttons were being handed out, and mention of FT8 during one DX Forum discussion drew loud boos from parts of the audience. Looking back now, it is interesting to see how dramatically attitudes toward the mode have changed.

One concept I envisioned at the time was a compact DXpedition station using five modest 100-watt radios — such as Yaesu FT-857/897-class or Icom IC-7000-class radios — feeding several simple vertical antennas. Rather than relying on a single high-power run frequency, the strategy would use simultaneous multi-band FT8 operation to exploit whatever propagation paths were open at that moment.

Operating FT8 with WSJT-X or MSHV gives a well-prepared DX station a capability that was not practical in earlier eras: the ability to operate multiple bands at the same time. With five computers controlling five radios on five different bands, a 100-watt DX station can present itself to the world through several independent propagation paths simultaneously.

This is especially important because propagation is rarely uniform. At any given moment, one band may be open to Europe, another to North America, another to Japan, while yet another may favor shorter regional paths. A single-band operation forces all chasers to depend on the same propagation path, whether or not it is favorable from their location.

A multi-band FT8 operation changes that dynamic completely by giving chasers options. Operators naturally migrate to the band where they can decode the DX station best and complete the contact most efficiently.

For example, a 100-watt DX station operating from the Pacific might simultaneously experience:

- **10 meters:** daytime F2 and transequatorial propagation openings into North and South America or Japan
- **12 meters:** more stable daylight propagation when 10 meters becomes marginal
- **15 meters:** strong long-haul daytime propagation into Europe, North America, and Asia
- **17 meters:** excellent transitional openings during morning and evening greyline periods
- **20 meters:** broad worldwide coverage extending well into evening hours

A Caribbean DXpedition might experience a different set of opportunities:

- **10 meters:** strong daytime openings into Europe and South America
- **12 meters:** reliable secondary daylight paths into North America and Europe
- **15 meters:** dependable intercontinental daytime propagation into Europe, Africa, and North America
- **17 meters:** useful early morning and late afternoon openings on marginal paths
- **20 meters:** strong evening and nighttime coverage into Europe, Asia, and the western United States

For a DX station operating from the Indian Ocean or Africa, the advantages can become even more pronounced. Europe may be strongest on 15 meters, Japan on 17 meters, North America on 20 meters, while regional stations may find 10 or 12 meters most productive. No single band serves all of those audiences equally well at the same time.

This fundamentally changes the traditional DXpedition model. Instead of the DX operator trying to predict which single band will maximize worldwide coverage, operators around the world self-select the band offering the best propagation from their own location at that moment.

Each station trying to work the DX can monitor multiple bands, determine where the signal is strongest or most decodable, and call on the band that offers the highest probability of success.

A one-band or two-band operation limits the number of stations that happen to have favorable propagation at any given time. Operating simultaneously across multiple bands dramatically increases the probability that at least one band will be open to nearly every active region of the world.

Even with only 100 watts, FT8's weak-signal capability allows a DX station to remain workable over marginal paths that might not support SSB or even CW operation at the same power level.
The operational advantages can be substantial. Instead of creating one massive pileup concentrated on a single band, demand naturally spreads across multiple bands and propagation windows. European stations may work the DX on 15 meters, Japanese stations may find 17 meters better, North American stations may succeed on 20 or 12 meters, while South American operators may discover excellent openings on 10 meters.

The chasers effectively choose the optimize the propagation path themselves.
Looking back nearly a decade later, many of the ideas that initially seemed unconventional have now become common practice in parts of the DXpedition community. FT8 has demonstrated that modest power levels combined with intelligent multi-band operation can produce remarkable worldwide coverage.

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The DX Zone
www.dxzone.com/catalog/DX_Resources/

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www.dailydx.com/

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www.ng3k.com/misc/adxo.html

DXing.info
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DH9SB Weekly DX Calendar
http://www.dx-info.de

Southern California Contest Club
http://www.socalcontestclub.org/

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www.QSLBureau.org

Propagation

We are starting to see the SFI dip below 100. As you can see in the previous cycle the SFI dropped below 100 and remained in that region for 6 years. In spite of that there was plenty to work on 160-20 meters with occasional openings on the higher frequencies. There is always sporadic E on 10 and 6 meters in the Spring and Fall.

Strongest Cycle Ever? Biggest Cycle?

Understanding Indices - K9LA

What to Expect During the Rising Years of Solar Cycle 25 - YouTube

The Termination Event | Spaceweather.com

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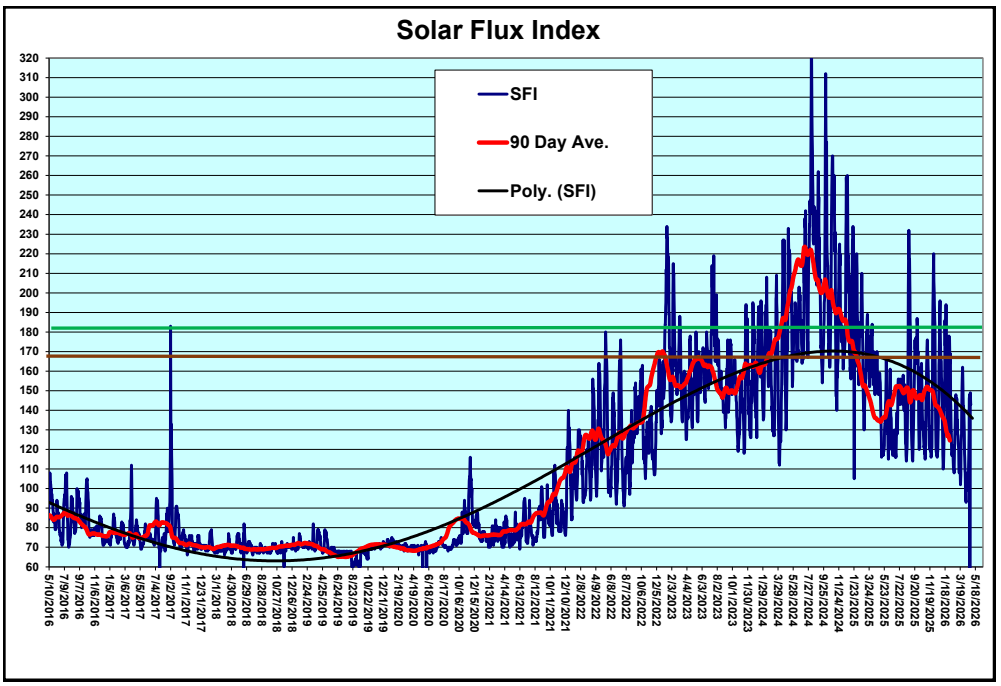

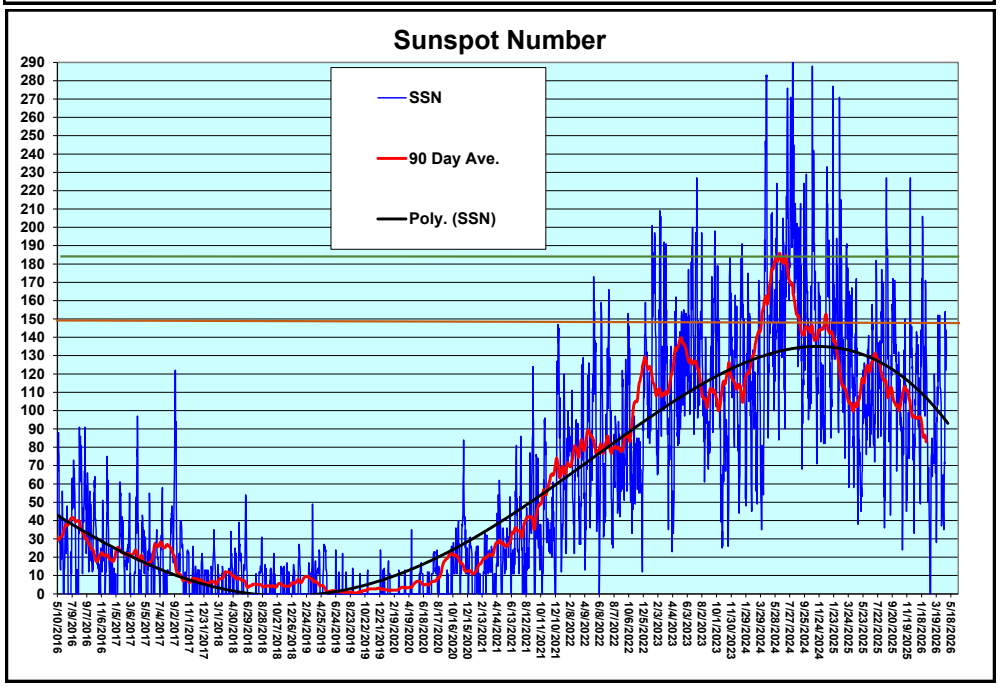

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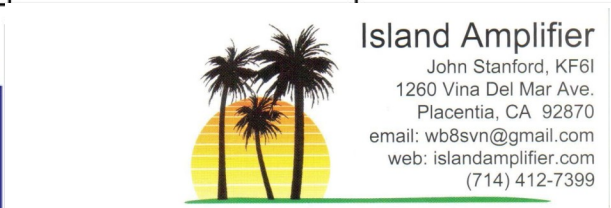

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